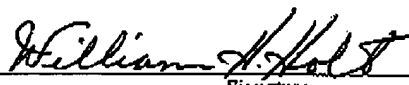
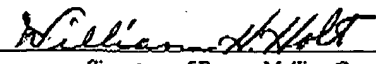


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006,
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
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